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DISCUS Delivers

Starting this spring, DISCUS home access has been expanded to deliver all the valuable information that was once just available at your library. DISCUS is now available 24 hours, 7 days a week, from your home or office, with current and complete information.

The expanded access means that from your office you can use it to keep up with the latest developments in your field, know your competition, and even explore new career opportunities through the newspaper and magazine indexes. DISCUS also includes government reports, Supreme Court decisions, professional journals and links to other carefully selected web sites. DISCUS is a time-saver for the busy professional, because unlike other databases, it provides organized, reliable and authoritative information, so there is no wasting time searching in thousands of useless sites.

When the library closes, DISCUS is available for the student who still needs help with term papers, research projects or science experiments. Any child at any age can use the wonderful resources of DISCUS. Teachers can also use it at home for lesson planning, preparation and independent study. Expanded home access is great for the life-long learner who can explore the arts, humanities and sciences day or night.

The consumer has access to newspaper and magazine articles when they need it to make decisions about everyday purchases for their home. Those looking to improve their health or have medical questions can also consult DISCUS databases to get the most current information from the privacy of their own computer.

DISCUS in your office, home, school and library --- it's everywhere you are.

From the Director...James B. Johnson, Jr.

Early predictions of a tight budget year are ringing true. Governor Hodges' budget called for an across the board cut of approximately 15% for all agencies except K-12 school programs. The State Library's portion would be 15.4% or \$1,581,992. A reduction of this magnitude would have devastating effects on public library service statewide, as well as on State Library programs.



The budget recommended by the House Ways and Means Committee calls for an 11.32% cut for the State Library or \$1,156,834. To implement this reduction, the State Library will need to reduce State Aid to County Libraries from \$2 per capita to \$1.76 per capita. It will also have to completely eliminate its materials budget, as well as reduce several other budgetary items.

It is crucial for librarians, trustees, and library supporters to convey the message to members of the General Assembly that public libraries contribute greatly to the overall educational goals of the state. It has taken a five-year campaign to reach the goal of \$2 per capita for public library aid. The proposed budget is a giant step backwards for us. Legislators need to be reminded that school children go to their public libraries after schools let out in the afternoons and on the weekends. Many public libraries use state funds to supplement their budget for materials. A cut of 24 cents in State Aid will reduce the number of materials available for students and other library users.

The Association of Public Library Administrators' legislative campaign for this year is "Open Books, Open Minds, Open Doors". While we probably will not see any new dollars as a result of this campaign, we can definitely use the theme to prevent budget cuts from "Closing Books, Closing Minds, and Closing Doors".

Read-In 2001

The Read-In 2001 on May 9 promises to be bigger and better than ever. We currently have over 2,000 attendees registered to join the fun and help promote the joy of reading on the State House grounds.

Special guests this year include Governor and First Lady Rachel Hodges, Poet-Performer Glenis Redmond, USC Drummers and Dooley from SCETV. We are also hoping to have Cocky and a few of the USC Cheerleaders for the morning to help us give a great kick-off to our summer vacation reading program.

The theme for the vacation reading program is "Extra, Extra Read All About It." You can learn more about the cooperative project with Georgia inside this issue. Participants of Read-In 2001 will also receive items related to the summer vacation reading program.

For more information about the Read-In, please contact Lucinda Kress,
Director of Public Information, at (803) 734-8647 or Email: lucinda@leo.scsli.state.sc.us.

News from Around the State

ABBE

The Johnston Library was opened to the citizens of Edgefield County in February with 10 computers, Internet access and DISCUS. The library moved from its 400 square-foot location to the 4,000 square-foot space in the renovated Edwards Building. Friends of the Johnston Library raised nearly \$90,000 from corporate donors, local businesses and membership donations for furniture, books, computers and magazines.

Aiken County

Roderick Lee is the new manager of the Aiken County Public Library. Mr. Lee, a native of Murrells Inlet, comes to Aiken from Pinneville, West Virginia, where he managed the Wyoming County Public Library. He received an undergraduate degree in history with a minor in education from Coastal Carolina University. He earned a master's degree in public service and public administration at Western Kentucky University and worked there for several years as a teacher.

Anderson County

Anderson County Library Director Carl Stone was one of five individuals to receive the Pointing the Way Leadership Award from the *Anderson Independent-Mail*. The award, a handcrafted marble lighthouse, recognized individuals in the community who have demonstrated outstanding and continued leadership.

Chapin Memorial Library

Myrtle Beach has named Franklin Spivey as Volunteer of the Year. Mr. Spivey has volunteered at the Chapin Memorial Library since 1985. The awards committee honored him for his dedication and hard work for the library, from shelving the books to serving on library-related boards. The city recognized 500 people at its annual volunteer's luncheon at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center.

Colleton County

The Friends of the Colleton County Memorial Library was selected by the American Express Foundation as the recipient of a Volunteer Action Fund (VAF) award.

The awards are presented on a competitive basis, semi-annually, to eligible non-profit organizations where American Express employees volunteer their time. The VAF award will go toward printing a brochure that will explain all of the services of the newly expanded Colleton County Memorial Library.

Chester County

The Chester County Public Library and the Friends of Chester County Library received a \$19,000 grant from the Springs Foundation. The grant will fund technological upgrades for the library system, including the replacement of "dumb computer terminals" with personal computers with graphical search opportunities.

Laurens County

Dr. Walter Edgar, author of *South Carolina: A History*, spoke about major movements and historical trends at the Laurens County Library earlier this year. After the program he answered questions from the enthusiastic audience and autographed copies of his book. The program was sponsored jointly by the Friends of the Laurens County Library and the Laurens County Historical Society. Continuing the South Carolina theme, the library, with support from the SC Humanities Council, will have a program on "South Carolina Townscape" and a program on the unique culture of the South.

University of South Carolina

The Thomas Cooper Library recently acquired a major collection of materials pertaining to Ernest Hemingway. The Speiser and Easterling-Hallman Foundation Collection of Ernest Hemingway was acquired through donations from the families of Maurice Speiser and Edward Hallman. The collection includes numerous first editions of Hemingway's works, some quite rare, as well as typescripts, issues of articles from newspapers and magazines, and correspondence between Maurice Speiser and many 1920's writers and artists. An exhibit of materials from the collection will be mounted in the fall.

Endowment to Benefit Young Readers



Left to right: Col. Robert McMaster, Dr. Clyde McCants, and Mrs. Rebecca McMaster

Fairfield County children will have a greater opportunity to have their very own books thanks to a donation by Colonel and Mrs. Robert G. McMaster of Winnsboro. The McMasters recently presented stock to the Fairfield County Library in the approximate value of \$90,000. Proceeds from the sale of the stock will be invested and the interest used to purchase books that can be given to the children of Fairfield County. The fund will be known as the Robert and Rebecca McMaster Book Endowment. Dr. Clyde McCants, chairman of the Fairfield County Library Commission, accepted the gift on behalf of the board.

The idea of connecting children and books came to Colonel McMaster a few years ago from an article in *The State* newspaper about the Books for Babies project in Greenwood. "We hope that the library will act as a catalyst to encourage many people and organizations to help with time, money and ideas," Colonel McMaster said. "What is needed is a county-wide effort to teach young people to learn to love reading."

Library Director Sarah McMaster said that the funds will allow the library to support some of the reading initiatives already in place in Fairfield, such as the Fairfield County Health Department's book program and FamilyRead, which is sponsored by the Fairfield Literacy Council.

"Reading to a young child is the best preparation for school success," Sarah McMaster said. "And this endowment will allow the library to encourage family literacy by finding ways to get books into the hands of families in Fairfield County. Having a library card and using the library is important, but every child should be able to have books that they can call their very own."

Dorchester County Library Wins South Carolina Public Library Web Site Award

Dorchester County Public Library has been selected from among twenty-five South Carolina public library systems as the recipient of the first ever "Best South Carolina Public Library Web Site Award". Sponsored jointly by the Public Library Section and the New Members Round Table of the South Carolina Library Association, this award recognizes the best public library web site in South Carolina.

Visual Arts students from the Governors School for the Arts and Humanities in Greenville were judges for the contest. Web sites were judged on the following seven criteria - content, graphics, currency of information, browser compatibility, site accessibility, links and overall design. Content and overall design were weighted more heavily than the other categories.

According to Ray McBride, President of the Public Library Section of SCLA – "Library web sites have become a very important resource for library patrons who have a need to access library resources from home, work or anywhere in the world. It is our hope that this award will call attention to library web sites, the valuable resources on them, and the hard work and imagination that librarians put into their design and maintenance".

Foundation Directory: Revised, Updated and Available

Karen McMullen, Information Services Librarian, South Carolina State Library

The *South Carolina Foundation Directory*, seventh edition, 2000, is now available at the South Carolina State Library. The *Directory* lists 399 active private foundations, community foundations and public grant-making charities located within the state of South Carolina. During 1997 through 1999, over 6,300 grants were distributed totaling more than \$56 million to support activities of a wide range of non-profit organizations. The *Directory* provides the following information for each foundation: name, address, officers, program interests, assets, dollar amount of grants awarded, sample grants, geographic focus, and employee identification number (EIN). It is indexed alphabetically by name of foundation, by foundation program interests, and by city location of foundation.

Most entries were compiled from information found on 1997 to 1999 Internal Revenue Service tax returns (990-PF's). Form 990-PF's can be accessed via the web at either of the following sites: www.guidestar.org or www.grantsmart.org.

A complimentary copy is being sent to each public and academic library in South Carolina. The South Carolina State Library has multiple copies that can be checked out through Interlibrary Loan. Copies can be purchased for \$15.00 each. To order copies, send check, money order, or purchase order payable to the South Carolina State Library to: Foundation Directory, P.O. Box 11469, Columbia, SC 29211.

For more information, contact the Information Services Desk at the
South Carolina State Library, at (803) 734-8026.

Booklists Available

The revised editions of the *Born to Read* and *I Can Read it Myself: Books for Beginning Readers* are now available from the State Library. *Born to Read* suggests books to share with babies and toddlers. *I Can Read it Myself* is a list of easy books for children who are just learning to read.

Requests for copies should be made to
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Literary Arts Update

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The dates for the Fifth Annual South Carolina Book Festival and Antiquarian Book Fair have been announced, so mark your calendar now! The 2001 festival will take place Saturday, April 22 (10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) and Sunday, April 23 (noon to 5:30 p.m.) at the Carolina Coliseum in Columbia. As always, the festival is free and open to the public. On Friday evening, April 21, there will be an Opening Night Reception and Silent Auction at the Adams Mark Hotel. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door.

The celebration, which is sponsored each year by the South Carolina Humanities Council, and in part by the South Carolina State Library, will feature readings, book signings, children's authors and panel discussions on everything from travel to race relations to Southern foodways.

This year's lineup of writers includes *Jim the Boy* author, Tony Early; Josephine Humphreys; Bishop Shelby Spong; Dorthea Frank; Connie May Fowler; USC's Distinguished Writer-in-Residence, Janette Turner Hospital; historians Walter Edgar, Charles Joyner and Dan T. Carter. There will also be an encore performance of last year's festival sensation, Jill Conner Browne, author of *The Sweet Potato Queen's Book of Love* and the forthcoming *God Save the Sweet Potato Queens*.

Surrounding the festival will be a number of related events, making this the Palmetto State's literary weekend:

On Saturday evening, the South Carolina Academy of Authors will host its annual awards dinner at USC's Capstone Hall. This year's inductees include Matthew Brucoli and Havilah Babcock. For more information on the dinner, please contact Andy Graves of the Happy Bookseller in Columbia at (803) 782-2665.

Also on Saturday night, the South Carolina Arts Commission will host Late Night Readings at the Sherlock Holmes Pub in Columbia. This will feature Book Festival authors, Academy of Authors fellows, readings by local poets and writers, plus a return engagement of The Sweet Potato Queen. For more information on the Late Night Readings, please contact the Arts Commission at (803) 734-8696.

Please contact the South Carolina Humanities Council for more information about the Book Festival activities at (803) 691-4100 or visit the festival's website, www.scbookfestival.org.

Storytelling Around the State

Patchwork Storytelling Festival

Two big names will be featured at Patchwork Storytelling Festival, which is being organized and co-sponsored by the York County Library and *The Herald* newspaper, May 3-5, 2001.

Grammy Award winner David Holt is a musician, storyteller, historian, television host and entertainer, dedicated to performing and preserving traditional American music and storytelling. In a family rich with storytellers, Elizabeth Ellis grew up in the Appalachian Mountains. One of a selected handful of performers to have been repeatedly featured at the National Storytelling Festival, Ms. Ellis's work has been anthologized in a variety of books and recordings. This past year she was awarded the Circle of Excellence award given by the National Storytelling Festival.



"There will be activities for everyone at this year's festival," said Diane Williams, York County Library Children's Service Manager and festival coordinator. A workshop for professionals is scheduled for the afternoon of May 3. The evening of May 4, there will be a family concert featuring David Holt and Elizabeth Ellis and on May 5, fabric artist Dottie Moore will present her program, "Symbolic Quilts: Piecing the Stories of our Lives."

For more information about the Patchwork Storytelling Festival, see www.yclibrary.org/patchworktales.htm; call (803) 324-7624 or Email: dianew@lyon.york.lib.sc.us

A(ugusta) Baker's Dozen 2001

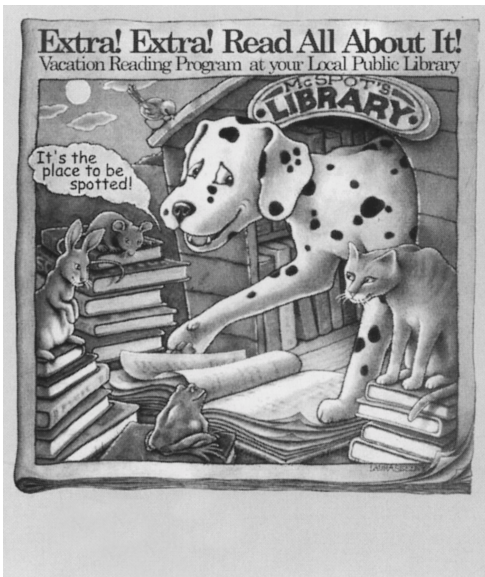


The 2001 A(ugusta) Baker's Dozen – A Celebration of Stories continues her mission of opening the world of other cultures to children, crossing racial, social and geographical boundaries. A joint effort of the Richland County Public Library and the University of South Carolina College of Library and Information Science, the celebration will pay host to noted children's/young adult author Virginia Hamilton, April 27-28, 2001. Ms. Hamilton will deliver the Augusta Baker Lecture at the USC Law School Auditorium, Friday evening at 7:30 p.m.

Ms. Hamilton received the 1975 Newberry Award for *M.C. Higgins The Great*, and is the only children's author ever to be honored with the MacArthur Foundation Award. Some of her most popular work, including the short story collection, *The People Could Fly*, is based on South Carolina History and African-American folklore.

For more information about the featured programs, please call Judy McClendon, Public Relations Librarian, Richland County Public Library, (803) 929-3472 or the Youth Services Department (803) 929-3470.

South Carolina and Georgia Join Together for 2001 Summer Vacation Reading



In 2001, South Carolina and Georgia are working together by using the same theme for summer vacation reading, *"Extra! Extra! Read All About It!"* The colorful artwork features the front page of a newspaper with a Dalmatian coming out of a doghouse library proclaiming, "It's the place to be spotted!"

The newspaper connection opens up opportunities for a variety of programs that can be tied into the different sections of the newspaper. The reading record picks up the newspaper connection, as it is designed as a small four-page newspaper.

Enthusiasm for summer reading was further generated by a Children's Services Annual Conference in February sponsored by the Office of Public Library Services in Georgia. Staff from twelve South Carolina public libraries made the trek to Macon where they heard new ideas

for programs and promotion. It was an opportunity to meet children's librarians from Georgia and share ideas as well as to build enthusiasm for the upcoming reading program.

Those at the workshop were also treated to two delightful speeches. Peter Catalanotto, author of *Dylan's Day Out*, which features a Dalmatian, talked about his work as an illustrator and writer of picture books for children. Anita Silvey, Children's Book Editor at Houghton Mifflin, talked about the challenges and rewards in selecting books to publish. Hearing these speakers reminded us that our goal in all our promotional activity and programming is to connect children and books.

2001 – Year of the Child



Governor Jim Hodges is spearheading a campaign to recognize those who serve the children of South Carolina, often with little or no applause.

The South Carolina 2001 Year of the Child Campaign is dedicated to finding, recognizing and celebrating the heroes in the state who serve our children in extraordinary ways. It is their hope that the campaign will provide both inspiration and information that will encourage others to become heroes in their own communities.

"Some are teachers. Some are parents. Some are community volunteers. Some are governmental leaders. And in some cases, the heroes are the children themselves."

- Governor Jim Hodges, Dec. 20, 2000



Expands Home Access and Adds Resources

South Carolina's Virtual Library

DISCUS - South Carolina's Virtual Library has achieved another milestone in bringing essential information to the fingertips of every South Carolinian. All DISCUS resources are now available from the home or office Internet accounts of every state resident. These resources continue to be available from all Internet PCs at the state's public libraries, colleges, public schools and selected private schools.

The Grolier and SIRS resources provided by DISCUS are now available to South Carolinians 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The GaleNet and InfoTrac resources have been available from residents' home or office computers since fall 1999. Residents may obtain the DISCUS home access instructions from their local public library. Students and teachers may obtain these instructions from their school media specialist, college librarian or public library.

DISCUS added three new resources for 2001. SIRS NetSelect, which indexes and links to carefully selected web sites, was added to SIRS Knowledge Source. Two InfoTrac databases were added: InfoTrac OneFile, a comprehensive index to over 6000 periodicals with full text for over 3000 titles, and LegalTrac, an index with selected full-text from 875 legal periodicals, law reviews and bar association journals.

DISCUS resources now include millions of newspaper, magazine and professional periodical articles, online encyclopedias, biographical information, reference publications in business, health and other subjects, and many other resources for learners of all ages.

The DISCUS project web site was recently expanded and enhanced to provide more information and support materials for DISCUS users: (<http://www.state.sc.us/scsl/discus>).

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Replicating A Local Library Collection: Anatomy of A Talking Book

The primary goal of the talking-book program is to provide blind and physically handicapped readers with the same type of material found on any public library shelf. The basic element of the program is one book, one listener, and one narrator. Careful production, one book at a time, is the key to the development of a quality audio collection. The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) has developed technical specifications to achieve this goal. Some cover artistic aspects of production and outline narration requirements such as voice clarity and modulation, timing, and pronunciation.

In the first stage of production, books are narrated on a reel-to-reel tape. The producer reviews the completed audiotape and submits it to NLS. A quality assurance specialist listens for any discrepancy in adherence to the specifications. Mispronunciations, mumbling or frequent voice modulations or pitch changes cause an audio book to be rejected. Books selected are recorded in their entirety. They are not stage productions and are read at a speed that conveys the story without overly dramatic changes in voice or pitch.

The narrator must be able to read for long periods without losing energy. The voice cannot be scratchy, have overly nasal tones or contain raspiness. Speech must be free of excessive regional coloration or accent, free of dialect or mannerisms that detract from the text, and move at a comfortable speed for those listening over an extended period.

Producers avoid poor narration quality by auditioning narrators. The audition, accompanied by a short interview, usually takes about thirty minutes. Even those who pass the audition do not begin narrating immediately. At NLS, the training process involves observation of narrators in different recording sessions, critiquing tapes already produced, and reviewing the notes of the other members of the narrating team.

Looking toward a transition to digitally based audio technology, NLS has installed a state-of-the-art digital recording facility. It will allow development of specifications for use in the production of digital talking books and magazines. As NLS works hard to maintain a nationwide public library for the blind, careful production will continue—one book at a time.

Guynell Williams, Director, Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
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Gregorie, Anne King. *Thomas Sumter*. Sumter County Genealogical Society, 2000. (Reprint of 1931 ed.) 313p. \$28.00.

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Platt, Eugene Robert. *Summer days with daughter: new and selected poems, 1968-1999*. Hawkes Publishing, 1999. 183p. \$22.00.

Simms, William Gilmore. *The wigwam and the cabin: selected fiction of William Gilmore Simms*. Edited by John Caldwell Guilds. University of Arkansas Press, 2000. 413p. \$34.95.

Sinha, Manisha. *The counterrevolution of slavery: politics and ideology in antebellum South Carolina*. University of North Carolina Press, 2000. 362p. \$55.00.

White, Nancy E. *The majesty of Beaufort*. Pelican Publishing, 2000. 96p. \$17.95.

Wongrey, Jan. *Lowcountry scenes*. Sandlapper Publishing, 2000. 94p. \$29.95.

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March 21, 2001

State Library Board Meeting, State Library

March 31, 2001

Friends of South Carolina Libraries Regional Meeting, Anderson County Public Library

April 12, 2001

Branch & Extension Managers Interest Group Meeting, SC State Library

April 19, 2001

Public Relations Exchange Meeting (rescheduled)
SC State Library

April 21-22, 2001

SC Book Festival & Antiquarian Book Fair
Carolina Coliseum, Columbia

May 9, 2001

Read-In 2001, State House Grounds, Columbia

For local literary events,
check the Palmetto Book Alliance Website
<http://www.state.sc.us/scsl/lib./pba/html>

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